

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yukihiro NAKATA, et al.

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FOR: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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SIR:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
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Enclosed:

- ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); References (3); Japanese Office Action w/English Translation
- ☒ Other: Petition For Extension of Time (4)

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